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1. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED BY HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN AS REPORTED IN REFTEL. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD APPROACH RESPECTIVE MFA'S AT APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL ON AN URGENT BASIS AND SUMMARIZE THE INFORMATION IN REFTEL WHICH HAS BEEN REPEATED TO YOU. YOU MAY ALSO ASK IF THEY HAVE ANY INFORMATION THEY COULD

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PROVIDE US ON THIS SUBJECT; NOTING THAT MUCH OF THE AVAIL-
ABLE INFORMATION SEEMS TO BE RUMOR. WE RAISE THESE
CONCERNS FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS. WE HAVE AUTHORIZED
OUR AMBASSADOR IN KABUL TO RAISE ISSUE WITH
NEW REGIME.
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2. AFTER MAKING PRESENTATION PLEASE STATE THAT IF HOST
GOVERNMENT SHARES OUR CONCERNS WE HOPE IT MAY BE WILLING
TO MAKE A PARALLEL APPROACH TO THE NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT.
YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT SUGGESTED APPROACH WOULD BE BASED
ENTIRELY ON HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS. FINALLY PLEASE
SUGGEST THAT THIS MATTER BE GIVEN URGENT CONSIDERATION
BECAUSE LIVES ARE AT STAKE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY
RESPONSE. - -
3. WE HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO SELECTION OF
ACTION ADDRESSEES AND BELIEVE THEY ARE COUNTRIES WITH
INFLUENCE IN KABUL, BUT ONES WHICH WILL NOT BE PERCEIVED
AS HAVING A PARTICULAR AX TO GRIND. WE ALSO DO NOT WANT
TO BE SEEN AS PROMPTING AND ORCHESTRATING A SERIES OF
DEMARCHES SINCE TO DO SO WOULD MOST PROBABLY BE COUNTER-
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